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Midterm changes to start next semester

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News Editor

The new midterm process, implementing in Spring 2008, may help reduce withdrawal rates.

Last May, the University Senate established a process for faculty members to submit midterm grades to the registrar for examination, said Anne Agosto-Severa, assistant vice chancellor for enrollment services/registrar.

Faculty members are not required to submit the students' grades, but it's highly suggested they participate, Agosto-Severa said.

The grades will be posted on PUC Star and a letter will be sent to all the students' homes.

The instructors will be reminded during the sixth week of the semester. Grades will be turned in by week eight and the process is only for undergraduate students.

The process is supposed to help at-risk students, said Agosto-Severa. She said students will be able to focus on the areas that need improvement. A student could then choose to drop the class or sign up for tutoring if they need help.

"It will help alert the students to develop a plan," Agosto-Severa said.

Agosto-Severa said this process happens in the school of nursing every semester, but not at the university level.

This process came about after students complained to the registrar's office about being surprised by their grades, Agosto-Severa said.

A task force developed the process for the academic improvement of students. The process was brought in front of the Faculty Senate and a letter was written by Chancellor Howard Cohen supporting the process. The committee did not have enough time over the summer to plan and develop the process to be implemented this semester, said Agosto-Severa.

"This is not a pilot, we are going to be running live," Agosto-Severa said.

The task force will have to report back to the Faculty Senate with the results.

Wes Lukoshus,vice chancellor for university relations, said this is just another way PUC is helping students succeed.

New act increases financial aid

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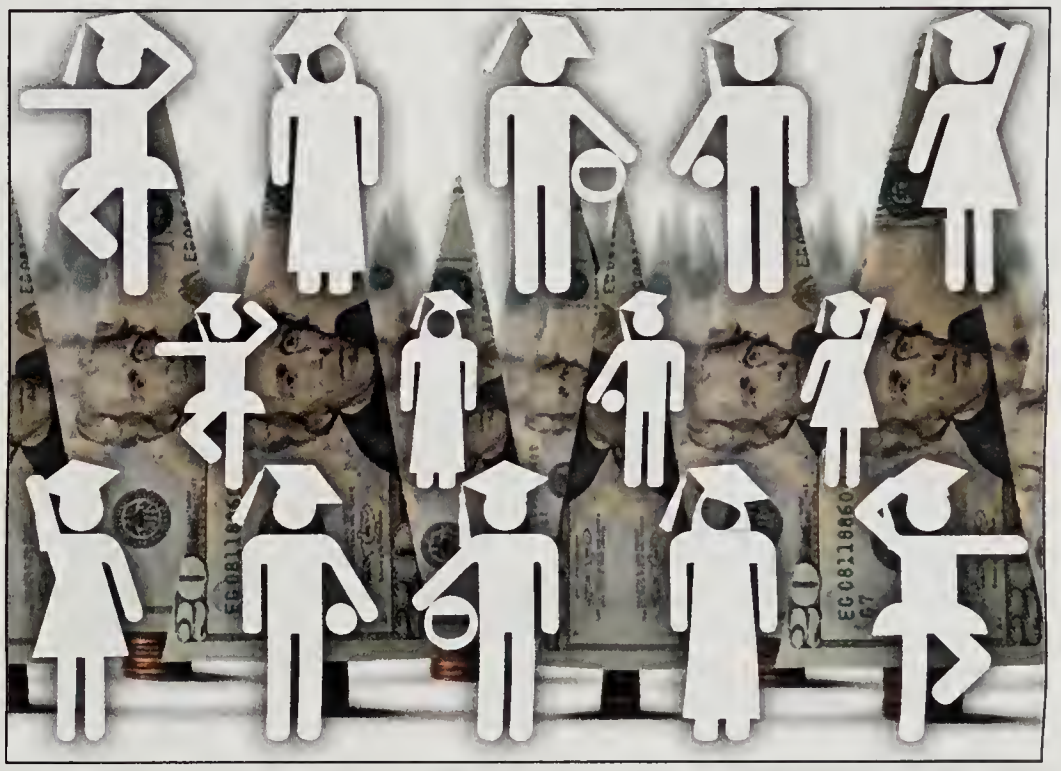

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A new act presented to President Bush increases Stafford loan limits, decreases interest rates and increases the number of Pell Grants.

PUC students who have trouble meeting tuition expenses each year may receive help from a new act passed by Congress and signed by President George W. Bush in early October titled, The College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007.

The act, the largest increase in financial aid since the G.I. bill, makes college more affordable by increasing Stafford loan amounts and increasing the number and size of need-based Pell grants awarded to students each year.

In addition, the act will decrease interest rates for Stafford loans from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent over the next five years and increase the Stafford loan limits placed on freshmen and sophomore students to allow underclassmen to borrow more money at the start of their college careers.

For Indiana students, the act will make more money available through Stafford loans and Pell grants. Next year Indiana students will have access to an additional $49 million in Pell grants from the state and an increase in the average grant amount per student from $350 to $2,780 next year.

Both Indiana senators Richard Lugar and Evan Bayh voted for the financial aid increase which passed the Senate in a 72-12 vote.

"A college education is a necessity, not a luxury, for young people who strive to succeed in today's competitive global economy," Senator Bayh said. "The steps taken by Congress will help ensure that students who work hard, sacrifice and make the grade will have the chance to earn a college degree."

Prior to its passage, the act had received considerable opposition from congressional Republicans, the Bush administration and from private loan companies for several contentious additions to the act.

Under a portion of the act subsidies previously given to private loan companies from the government will be cut, making it more difficult for privately-owned high-interest rate loan companies like Nelnet and Sallie Mae to stay afloat.

Congressional Republicans and the Bush administration also criticized a section of the act which will forgive the student loans of those in public service careers for at least 10 years. Teachers, nurses and social workers would qualify for loan forgiveness if responsible loan repayments are made after college for those 10 years.

An additional controversial section to the act caps monthly

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Ibrahim addresses faculty salaries, ratios

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Editor in Chief

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Nabil Ibrahim speaks to faculty at Thursday's Vice Chancellor's Academic Affairs town hall meeting.

Faculty salaries and student-faculty ratios were among the main topics for discussion at Thursday's Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs town hall meeting.

"It's something I consider extremely important," Nabil Ibrahim, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, said of salaries. "We couldn't have done it before. When you inherit a budget where a budget is higher than your revenue, you have a problem."

The budget inherited before was always higher than the faculty's possible expectation for recruiting students, he said. Despite the number of students recruited, the budget remained higher, therefore "trouble" was still present, Ibrahim added.

Ibrahim said hard work was put into controlling the budget. The revenue is now higher than the budget, and that enables them to create a possibility for hiring more faculty and to resolve salaries, he said. New faculty positions in 2003 were at 54 percent, and now is about 62 percent. He hopes to raise it about 65 percent.

He said he is trying to fix small problems by infusing some money into the salaries.

"The work has already started last year and we need to complete it this year," he said.

The Senior Leadership Team would like to see a significant part of that money – funds used to deal with resolving faculty salaries – come from an improvement in efficiency.

Efficiency can be measured by student-faculty ratio. The student-faculty ratio was at 16 to 1 four years ago. Now, the ratio is at 18 to 1. To increase efficiency, PUC must increase the ratio above 18.

He proposed a model that asks faculty and department heads to do more to boost class size or reduce the number of classes with small size in the hopes of increasing the ratio from 18 to 19.

He encouraged faculty to take advantage of technology and online courses to create more interest from students.

The model will be presented to the SLT and show the size of the problem and what it takes to solve it. Part of it comes from increasing the ratio but from the general budget as well. Efficiency alone will not do, so they will infuse money from the general budget, he said.

Ibrahim confirmed that the general budget will increase. They will be receiving more money from the state of Indiana and the enrollment will boost with 4,000 hours in fall with at least 3,000 available hours in the spring.

"I'd like to start this process before leaving [PUC]," he said.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Plenty of fun planned for Peregrines basketball games this season

Men's season tips off Thursday, Nov. 1

Basketball season is back!! Peregrines basketball returns to the hardwood Thursday, Nov. 1 with the Kettle Classic, sponsored by the Salvation Army.

In its ninth year, the Kettle Classic features four, area men's teams battling for Region bragging rights. It also kicks off the Salvation Army's holiday money collection and donations season.

Purdue Calumet faces the University of St. Francis in the Nov. 1 nightcap at approximately 8 p.m.—following the 6 p.m. opener pitting Calumet College of St. Joseph against Indiana University Northwest.

Mascots from each school also are competing against each other off the court collecting donations for the Salvation Army at their campuses. The top money collecting mascot and school will be announced between games. If your see our peregrines, Victor and Pride, on campus with the classic Salvation Army red kettle, demonstrate your support.

Women's hosts Peregrine Classic, Nov. 2-3

Our women begin their season the following night, hosting the fourth annual Peregrine Classic. After Calumet College of St. Joseph and the University of St. Francis clash at 6 p.m., Purdue Calumet takes on Illinois Institute of Technology at 8 p.m.

Action resumes Saturday, Nov. 3 at noon with Calumet College facing IIT and our Peregrines hosting St. Francis at 2 p.m.

During halftimes and in between games of the Peregrine Classic, attendees will have an opportunity to play basketball bingo. Prizes will be awarded to all winners. It's the first of many promotions, give-aways and contests this season.

Other promotions

Here's a look at others.

- Tuesday, Nov. 6, 6 p.m., Women host Madonna University — Celebrity look-a-like. Dress as your favorite celebrity. Judges will decide winners who will receive prizes.
- Wednesday, Nov. 28, 7 p.m., Men host IU Northwest — Turkey Night. Win post-Thanksgiving freebies.
- Friday, Nov. 30, 6 p.m., Women host Goshen College — Mental Health Night. Get a check-up, sponsored by our Counseling and Student Health Services Center. Give-away prizes include hand-held stress busters.
- Friday, Dec. 7, 6 p.m., Women host Cornerstone University — Beauty Night. Get your hair clipped, nails polished, eyebrows waxed and a massage off the court while the game continues. One winner will be awarded a spa-day package.
- Friday, Dec. 21, 2 p.m., Women host University of Michigan-Dearborn — Holiday Gift Card Night. Last minute shoppers can earn a gift card.

More promotions coming in the second half of the season. Watch for more!

It promises to be an exciting season of Peregrines men's and women's basketball. Get a group of friends and come out to support your Purdue Calumet teams.

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What's Going On?

A Look Around...

Backpacks to Briefcases series

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring an interviewing seminar as a part of the B2B series on Oct. 24 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in SUL 321.

Lorraine Fiordelisi, the student employment coordinator for PUC, will give instruction on better job interviews. Please call the Offices of Career Services at 989-2600 for more information.

Family movie night

Student Activities is sponsoring a movie night featuring the film "Hocus Pocus" on Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. in Calumet Falls. The event will also include a costume parade and face painting. For more information call Student Activities at 989-2369.

Indiana multicultural job fair

IUPUI is sponsoring a job fair at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis on Nov. 2 for all Indiana college students.

Representatives from fields such as accounting, finance, communications, marketing, healthcare, computer science, engineering and many more will be at the Sagamore Ballroom conducting interviews. Admission is free with a college ID. For more information call (317)278-9170 or go online at www.jobfairs.iupui.edu.

Scareokie

Student Activities and the University Village are sponsoring Skareokie, a Halloween karaoke event, on Oct. 30 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Calumet Falls lounge.

The event will include a dungeon stage, scary figures and an illusion finale. For more information call Student Activities at 989-2369.

Meal with your mentor

Student Activities is sponsoring "Meal with your Mentor" on Nov. 9. The first 50 students who register may have lunch free of charge with the faculty member of their choice. Interested students may come into the Student Activities office with their chosen faculty member by Nov. 9 to register.

HIV and AIDS Aliveness Project

The school of nursing is sponsoring an HIV and AIDS Aliveness Project on Nov. 1 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Calumet Conference Center. The event will feature a presentation and free testing. For information call 989-2840.

Flu shots

Free flu shots will be available for all faculty, staff, spouses, official retirees and SSDP on Oct. 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in SUL 307 and on Nov. 13 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. in SUL 321. Students and community members may also receive a flu shot for $25. Participants must be at least 18 years old and are advised to wear a short sleeve shirt.

Operation Christmas Child

The Alpha Psi Lambda, Epsilon chapter is sponsoring an Operation Christmas Child event this semester. Operation Christmas Child gives impoverished children in other countries a shoebox filled with Christmas gifts. Students may fill as many shoeboxes as they choose.

Student organizations and individual students may contact Alpha Psi Lambda at apsi_epsilon@yahoo for more information. Please fill your shoebox by Nov. 5 to give it to Alpha Psi Lambda.

Study-abroad program

Students who are interested in traveling to France to take two three-credit courses in French can qualify to study abroad. The trip will take place from June 8 to July 6. For more information and details, contact Dr. Lu at lu@calumet.purdue.edu or call 989-2292.

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Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

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Making a difference

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Los Romanticos perform for the audience during "Making a Difference," sponsored by Los Latinos.

Oct. 18 will be known as Hispanic Heritage Day on campus from this year on.

Regina Biddings-Muro, executive assistant to the chancellor for engagement, announced Chancellor Howard Cohen's proclamation at the Los Latinos event last Thursday night called "Making a Difference Through Education, Unity and Community."

According to Biddings-Muro, Cohen made the proclamation because of his strong belief in cultural diversity. She added that there are more Hispanic students at PUC than any other college in Indiana.

Biddings-Muro said the proclamation was the first to her knowledge.

The event showcased Latino music by Los Romanticos, dancing by Las Adelitas, food by Chela's Restaurant and art by Israel Mendoza.

Jahaira Perez, president of Los Latinos, said that education goes past ethnicity.

"Be proud of our traditions, culture and community," said Perez.

The keynote and motivational speaker, Carlos Ojeda Jr, spoke about the hardships he experienced growing up as a Latino boy in New Jersey and how he overcame harsh criticism to become the professional he is today.

Ojeda said he was a bad student through most of high school, getting failing grades and skipping classes regularly. He was told he would never amount to anything by his high school teachers.

"I was told that I should just become a beautician or a work in a garage because that's the only jobs good for Mexicans," Ojeda said.

Ojeda said a teacher reached out to him and told the self-proclaimed comedian he was going to attend college.

Ojeda received an 1100 on his first attempt at the SATs. He got accepted to every college he applied to, some offering him four year tuition with room and board scholarships.

Ojeda was also the first person in his family's history to go to college.

Ojeda said he got rapped up in the college party life and got put on academic probation. After the birth of his godson, Ojeda said he went back to school and changed his grades so drastically he was offered an internship at the end of semester.

"Success is the most addictive substance of earth," Ojeda said. "Once you taste it; you want more."

When Ojeda's godson died, he gave up on changing his life and was kicked out of college.

After months of struggling to find himself, he realized he had to survive. He went back to college and graduated. He is now a businessman, father and entrepreneur.

"As long as you stand still, you will never move foreword," Ojeda said.

The future of PUC is in virtual technology

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Chronicle Correspondent

Chancellor Howard Cohen cut the gold ribbon opening the new virtual classroom in Powers and the collaborative learning space in Gyte on Oct. 17.

Along with the opening ceremonies, students now have the opportunity to enroll in online classes that will offer them the full classroom experience, but at students' convenience.

Cohen spoke of the changes the virtual classroom will bring.

"We were once known as a drive-thru campus. Now we have created an environment to do school work in between the interception of the student's busy lives," Cohen said.

Each classroom has media equipment that will record the lectures being given and the examples shown during class. Any student can go online to access the lectures which will be converted into video and one minute podcasts, making it easy to start and stop.

Any software needed will also be supplied by the virtual classroom and will process these programs so students will not need a high-technology personal computer.

"This virtualization allows the students to be in the lab at any time in the world, providing the students with the choices to customize their education," said Reza Kamali, department head for computer information systems and information technology.

Cohen cut a second ribbon cut for the collaborative learning space. This new four-room study area brings the elements of a computer lab, learning center, study commons and cyber café into one environment.

"It is a new and energetic way for collaborative learning with fellow college students and we hope this will be the first of many collaborative spaces to support student success," said James Rogers, lab coordinator.

Kenneth Gurtowski, lead architect of the virtual classroom and collaborative learning space, and Michelle Grant, academic facility manager, placed the comfort of the students first in their design.

The black ceilings allow no glare to reflect from the computer screens. Wi-Fi access, smart boards, a media center with audio-visual learning applications and laptop accessibility are also available for students.

"I think we took the program information from the staff at Purdue Calumet and incorporated it into a state of the art facility that everyone should be proud of," Kenneth said.

CTIS Connection

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Security Tips for Campus and Home

This is the fourth in a series about Internet Security during National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

Have you ever said any of the following?

- "My office is locked so I don't need to shut my computer off."
- "I'm only leaving for a minute; no one will bother my computer."
- "Just e-mail me the confidential file; it is addressed to me so no one else will get it."

If you are like most people, you have said these or similar things to yourself. These statements may hold true. But ask yourself this: would you leave your wallet sitting on a sales counter because you forgot an item just one aisle away? Probably not. That is because of the risk of theft. You may think that because no one is going to steal your physical computer your files are safe. In fact, this is not true.

Here are some tips to help you secure your personal data:

- Use encryption when sending files through e-mail or over the Internet. Without this it could be like using a cordless telephone and hearing your neighbor's telephone conversation bleeding through the lines.
- Store confidential files on network drives rather than on the hard drive. Your hard drive is much easier to "hack" into.
- Lock your workstation when you leave it, even for only a minute. You may see someone in the hall and be gone longer than expected.
- Due to federal regulations, do not store student's social security numbers on your computer, network drive, or any other drive or form of media. Delete any files that contain social security numbers immediately or contact CTIS to come to your office and assist you.
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Loans

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loan payments at 15 percent of a borrower's income. On a loan of $20,000 a borrower's monthly payments would be reduced by more than 40 percent, which may cause students to take years longer to pay back college loans, according to congressional Republicans.

Amy Collins-Law, program associate for the Campaign for College Affordability, said the act addresses the root problem of qualified students avoiding college because of costs. According to the Campaign for College, 400,000 students do not pursue college purely because of costs.

"This act is a first step towards affordability," Collins-Law said. "It is not necessarily meant to be a cure-all."

Pedro de la Torre, issues and organizing associate manager for Campus Progress, said stagnant financial aid coupled with increasing tuition costs meant an act of this magnitude needed to be passed.

"Consistent increases in college tuition means many forms of financial aid have lost their purchasing power of time," de la Torre said. "Something needed to be done."

Carol Zencka, the acting director of financial aid and student accounts at PUC, said increases in financial aid are vital in an era when a college education is so important.

Zencka said students from low-income families and those who must take out loans to complete college will particularly benefit from this act. But she said a significant downside to the passage of this act is an increasing number of students will begin to choose loans to finance their education.

Still, Zencka believes the benefits of more Stafford loans and Pell grants outweigh the costs when it means giving more students access to a college education.

"It should help more of our students realize their goal to earn a university degree," Zencka said.

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The bake-off begins

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Tim Feddeler, Pete Fagan and Chef Barbara Henning test and score each of the brownies. Out of the 15 entries, the top three winners are students Audrey Weaver, Raquel Perez and Mary Lamott. The date will be announced for the face-off between the winners of round one.

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You must work for success

Jessica Cochran
Entertainment Editor

I am 21 and feel like an old woman.

How many of you work your butts off at school and your job, and still feel like you get nowhere at the end of the day? I guess I can officially say "welcome to the real world."

I had an epiphany tonight. After working 10 hours at one job, two hours at another and sitting through a three hour class I came to a conclusion; I have no life.

No, that's a lie. I do have a life — it just revolves around school and work. Some days I leave my house at 6 a.m. and don't get home until after 10 p.m. And then I am up for an hour or two and go to bed because I am so exhausted.

I'm sure I'm not alone in this. How many of you feel the same way? You work all day and go to bed early (for a person your age) only to wake up the next morning and do it all again.

It looks even more depressing when written down on paper. After all, it's no fun to have such a strictly defined schedule that you need to pencil get-togethers with your friends in a week or two in advance.

What can we do about this? Your guess is as good as mine. We're young, energetic, youthful spirits, right?

We can quit our jobs, but then we wouldn't have any money to leave the house with. We can cut back on hours at work or sleep through our scheduled classes, but that would just cause problems in the long run. Or we can simply suck it up and keep the painful, crazy hours that we so earnestly provide.

There doesn't seem to be a happy medium in any of those three choices – no matter what you choose to do there are always negative consequences that come along with it.

I honestly don't have any good advice for this.

Unfortunately if you want to be successful in today's world you must work for it – no matter how much you want to or not. You need to meet the right people, make the connections and work your butt off because, as much as I hate to admit it, money seems to be the key to everything these days.

Since my family isn't rich, my only hope is to win the lottery or rob a bank. And considering I don't want to spend the rest of my life in the county jail I think I'll lean toward my one-in-a-billion chance of becoming a millionaire through the game of chance.

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A new beginning for basketball?

The issue: Men's basketball season

Our opinion: A new staff and team, so hopefully a brand new start

PUC's name was put to shame after academic ineligibility of eight players from the men's basketball team canceled last year's fall season. That's not including one player from the women's basketball season.

This incident made national news and a clean up by the athletic department soon followed. They weren't cleaning up the mess solely from basketball, but with the athletic program as a whole.

Meetings were called. Recruitments were made, for both players and coaches. New requirements were implemented.

The men's basketball team struggled last season, so will they this year?

Consider the factors. They have the key players at work, after hiring nearly a whole new staff and recruiting new players after last season's incident.

The athletic department welcomed new Athletic Director Robert Bunnell after former Interim Athletic Director John Friend left this past summer. Friend temporarily replaced Former Athletic Director Rob Jenson's resignation mid-season after the discovery of academic ineligibility.

Bunnell has the credentials to lead the athletic department –he's served as an athletic director at two NCAA Division III Institutions, and has the higher learning education experience. Bunnell can lead the team to victory, on and off the court.

The basketball programs have a new position to help monitor academic standings of its players. It was finally realized that recognizing and filling the position of an academic monitor proves essential for rebuilding the broken athletic department.

Men's new head coach Gordon Grayling served as assistant coach last season, so he's familiar with PUC. He has the credentials to lead a college team, as he started his coaching career at Purdue North Central.

Gordon also plans to have mandatory study tables and tutoring this season's players. Hopefully it falls through this time around.

Men's basketball itself also has a new team to start fresh with. Only two returning players from last season will be hitting the court with new recruits making way this season.

They have just the right ingredients this season. Now if only they don't burn what's cooking well so far.

Is it going to happen again? Hopefully not. PUC is still recovering from last year's embarassment. If there's a next time, the athletic department may have nothing left to save.

As long as the athletic department keeps its concern with its players' academic standing, the season has no reason to come to a screeching halt.

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More pointless holiday cards

Linda Merrick
Managing Editor

Meijer's is a store of many commodities, but who knew it was also full of useless holiday cards.

While at Meijer's I was looking for a birthday card for my aunt when I came across almost a whole aisle of Halloween cards. I just don't understand why someone would want to send a Halloween card unless they have a cute cuddly picture of their child or pet to share.

Not only were there Halloween cards, but Thanksgiving, Sweetest Day and Boss' Day cards. What is the point of these cards?

I understand we want to show appreciation for someone (Boss' Day) or we want to appreciate a certain day, but these cards just seem pointless.

Also, what is the point of giving a card on Sweetest Day? Isn't Valentine's Day enough to show someone that you love them? In fact we should just give a card at random to the one we love and not have a specific day.

I think it's better to give someone a card on Feb. 5 (or any other day) just to say "I love you" and "appreciate you." Why does it have to be on Feb. 14 or Oct. 20?

Even giving cards on birthdays or on Christmas just doesn't make that much sense to me either. Many times I have forgotten to buy birthday cards, but I gave a present. Many may say, "It's the thought that counts." So the thought of a gift could be enough.

The only way giving a card is a good idea is if you cannot find the words verbally or don't have time to talk to someone. So just run to the store and buy a card that fits the occasion you need it for.

It just seems the good majority of cards at Meijer's, Target or any other store that sells them are pointless.

It also seems that giving a card to tell someone to have a "Happy Halloween" is a waste of time and money. After spending all that money on costumes and candy to pass out (if you celebrate Halloween), why waste it on cards too?

The only ones I think have a point are "Thank You", "Get Well Soon" and anniversary cards. These cards really do show appreciation and that you care. They are not just a ploy to make money off of you, but something to help you find the words to express your feelings to that person.

If we just weed out all the unnecessary cards we won't be overwhelmed when walking into a store like Meijer's. If we must have these pointless cards, let's at least leave them at Hallmark.

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'Amazing Race 2' winner attempts to travel the world for free

Jessica Cochran
Entertainment Editor

Alex Boylan, winner of "Amazing Race 2," is attempting to circumnavigate the world while relying solely on an online audience and strangers. With absolutely no money, Alex is forced to pick up odd jobs and is dependent on his social network community to give him tips, advice and help along the way.

Aroundtheworldforfree.com is the first online interactive reality series.

The Chronicle: What made you want to attempt this free trip around the world?

Alex: The answer to your question has a few different levels. First, by stripping oneself of money we are basically forcing cultural interaction with locals everywhere we go. We wanted to see and show the world through the locals' eyes. Second, we wanted to change the way people view their media. We wanted the audience to be an integral part of the show and to feel [like they're] part of something.

The Chronicle: Where are you located right now, and where do you plan to go next?

Alex: Right now we are located in the suburbs of the Port of Spain, Trinidad. We are trying to head south so it seems most likely that we will enter South America via Venezuela.

The Chronicle: What essentials do you have with you?

Alex: Two pairs of pants, two board shorts, a couple pairs of underwear, three T-shirts, one long sleeve shirt, a rain jacket, some toiletries and this small laptop.

The Chronicle: What has it been like to be stripped of all monetary funds?

Alex: It's tough, you can't just buy yourself a sandwich when you want one. But on the other side it's great; you start to realize how much [stuff] you don't need when you don't have any money to spend.

The Chronicle: Has this experience been what you expected?

Alex: Well, because this is the first time something like this has ever been attempted I really didn't have many expectations. I haven't slept one night outside, which I figured I would be doing here and there. We are only 30 days into the journey and South America is right around the corner so I'm not holding my breath on that.

> *"Well, because this is the first time something like this has ever been attempted I really didn't have many expectations."*
> **Alex Boylan, winner of "Amazing Race 2"**

The Chronicle: What has been your hardest feat?

Alex: So far, it was getting off the island country of Dominica. Every day we would hear that a boat would be leaving "tomorrow," but then the next day we would hear the boat can't take us or it isn't leaving until next week. In general, travel through the Caribbean hasn't been too easy.

The Chronicle: Who is the most interesting person you've met?

Alex: It's a toss-up. Either C.W. Roberts from Tortola who is the top motivational speaker in the Caribbean – and has more energy than anyone I have ever met – or Screw. Yes, that's his name. [Screw] is a Rastafarian I met in Dominica. He had a vision that warm water was on his land so he just started digging. He dug for four years and finally found it; now he boasts one of the more popular hot-water springs for the locals in the country.

The Chronicle: Is there any specific place that you hope to travel to?

Alex: I am looking forward to Venezuela, given the friction going on there right now.

The Chronicle: How has your life changed since you won the "Amazing Race?"

Alex: Well, it changed my profession. When I did the race I was hooked; I knew this is where I belonged. Thank God for the Amazing Race, who knows what I would be doing if that opportunity never came along.

The Chronicle: Have you always wanted to travel?

Alex: Actually, as long as I can remember I have traveled. My parents never took me to Disney World; instead they would take me backpacking to places like the Blue Mosque in Istanbul, Turkey and Ephesis in Greece. The more you see, the more you realize you haven't seen that much.

The Chronicle: What advice would you give to college students?

Alex: Do an internship abroad; there are plenty available and it will open your eyes in ways you could never imagine. Don't feel pressure to run into the corporate world. I did and it made me miserable, and just because you studied it doesn't mean you have to do it for the rest of your life.

Become part of Alex's adventure:

aroundtheworldforfree.com

Create a profile and get involved

'Art in Focus' is fun and free

Amandali Nieves
Staff Writer

Every second and fourth Monday from September to May, a number of members - usually 30 to 50 - gather at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster to take part in a free program. The group gets together to watch and discuss videos about particular topics.

Art in Focus is an art appreciation series in which people get together and share a common interest for the arts, said Linda Eyermann, director of Education of South Shore Arts.

Founded 11 years ago by retired teachers Rita M. Ray and Jeanne Davidson, Art in Focus was designed for adults of all ages to gain a better understanding and appreciation of art, art history and its impact on the world.

"We try to keep the meetings very interactive," Eyermann said, who is now program chairman after Davidson's death and Ray's old age. "The members are eager to learn; a lot take notes during the films."

Comprised of mostly retired citizens, members are treated to coffee provided by the center and snacks brought by other members during the films.

Eyermann believes the group goes to Art in Focus for the films and the knowledge they provide, the sharing of travels and the camaraderie. Some members become such good friends that they go on trips together.

The members also play a primary role on topic selection. Every year, Art in Focus chooses a theme all meetings are related to. This year's theme is architecture – after a film about Chicago's architecture was shown to the group last year and sparked an interest.

"[Around] February is when we ask members to give feedback on topic ideas," said Eyermann. "Whatever the group is interested in is what we choose to feature."

Eyermann points out some Art in Focus' success to Linda Dunn, a Munster Library employee who helps choose and preview the films with her.

"She does an amazing job of pulling out DVDs and videos with a wide variety," Eyermann said. "She is extremely supportive and Art in Focus is very grateful to her and the Munster Library."

As for the future, Eyermann has an optimistic outlook towards Art in Focus primarily because it is such a great learning experience.

"I think it will be around for a long time," she said. "Our group would like to see the program expand and I think it will. I hope the program will continue forever – it's a good, valuable program."

Meetings are also held at South Shore Arts in Crown Point every third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Wine and cheese is served at the Crown Point meetings.

College students are always welcome.

For this year's schedule, visit:

SouthShoreArtsOnline.org

Trey shows his talent

Darshei Goode
Chronicle Correspondent

Trey Songz is among the most promising of younger artists, showing his value and place in the music industry with his newly released CD, "Trey Day."

Released Oct. 2, Trey changes his style up a tad while managing to keep his lush vocals alive.

"Trey Day" is equal in quality compared to his previous album, "Gotta Make It."

The songs are more varied and have creative catchphrases, unforgettable lyrics, trendy production and stylistic beats in addition to his beautiful singing voice.

The overall CD has a slow, more sexual and sensitive feel to it, and it conveys a definite relaxed mood.

The album includes his new hit single "Cant Help But Wait," which describes Songz thoughts of wanting a woman who already has a man who doesn't treat her right. The song has a nice balance of sensitivity and swagger, and is one of the many songs in which Trey's voice is utilized to its full potential.

His first single, "Wonder Woman," brings a combination between his rap and R&B styles, which makes this song the perfect introduction single to the CD.

There is also "Long Gone Missin," which uses a more melodic rap style to play into the hip-hop side of the album.

Trey Songz

This song describes a struggle between loyalty and cheating after getting into an argument. The song has a catchy and rather mid-tempo beat to it, while "Missin You" brings romance and sincerity to the album.

The songs are often about sex, love and relationships. The album features Bun B and Jim Jones, and includes writers R. Kelly and Nokio from Dru Hill.

A better variety of topics would improve the number of listeners, but the CD fills the requirements for the R&B genre with a hint of rap and hip-hop.

"Trey Day" is a good choice for people looking for a soothing and relaxing tone, and is recommended for a touch of your listening time.

Who Said It?

"I think I've always been good so God wouldn't strike me dead."

Last week's answer: Harrison Ford

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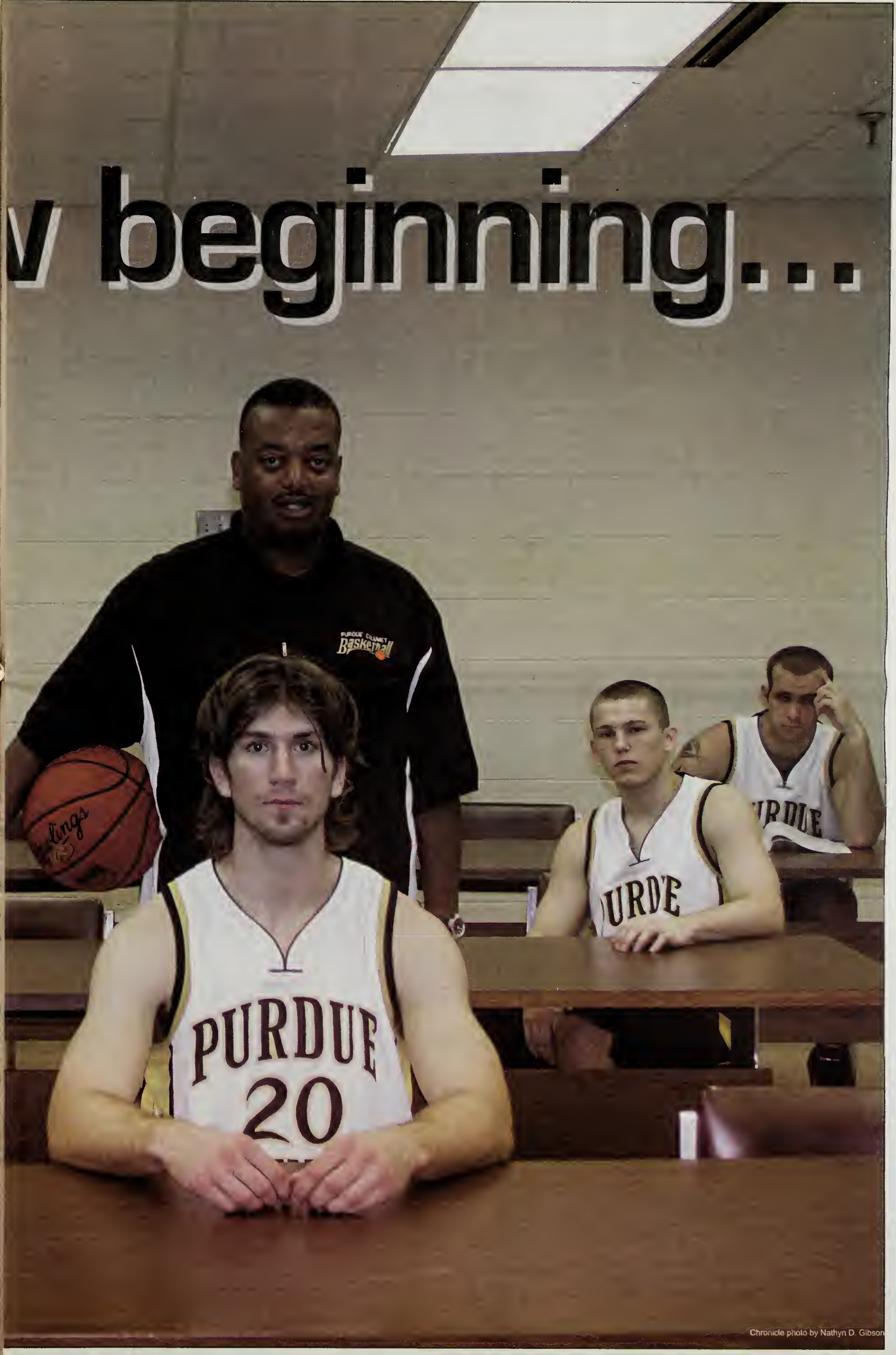


Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Name: Kevin Thomas
Number: 54
Nickname: KT
Major: Secondary Education
Class: Junior
High School: Highland High School
Height: 6'8"
Weight: 235
Position: Center
What are your acadmic and athletic goals this season? "Win the conference and finish over .500 and keep a 3.0 GPA."

Returning Player

Name: Antonio Hurt
Number: 42
Nickname: Bud
Major: Criminal Justice
Class: Sophomore
High School: Michigan City High School
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 163
Position: Power Forward
What are your acadmic and athletic goals this season? "Do better in the classroom. Prove everyone."

Signed in off-season

Name: Josh Collins
Number: 12
Nickname: JC, White Chocolate
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Class: Freshman
High School: MacArthur High School
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 185
Position: Point Guard/Shooting Guard
What are your acadmic and athletic goals this season? "Maintain a 3.0 or better. Conference Playoffs. National Tournament."

Signed in off-season

Name: Kris Krstevski
Number: 20
Major: Fitness Management
Class: Junior
High School: Lake Central High School
Height: 6'5"
Weight: 205
Position: Guard
What are your acadmic and athletic goals this season? "Win conference. Make all-conference team ,winning record and get 3.5 GPA or above."

Signed in off-season

Name: Michael Patton
Number: 22
Nickname: Mike P.
Major: Pre-dental
Class: Sophomore
High School: Gary West Side High School
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 170
Position: Guard
What are your acadmic and athletic goals this season? "Maintian a 3.0 GPA and win conference."

Taken in try-outs

Name: Delriko Curtis
Number: 5
Nickname: Riko
Major: Broadcasting
Class: Freshman
High School: Benton High School
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 157
Position: Point Guard
What are your acadmic and athletic goals this season? "To maintain a 3.0 GPA. To go to nationals, and just win games"

Signed in off-season

Q&A with Gordon

Ryan Metz
Assistant Sports Editor

First-year head coach of the men's basketball team, Coach Grayling Gordon, took time to answer a few questions after practice as he prepares his team for their season opener on Nov. 1

The Chronicle: What brought you back to Purdue Calumet after a successful coaching stint at Purdue North Central?

Gordon: The excitement to get back to my home area, I knew many of the people here, and I was familiar with the place. So it was just a great opportunity, I thought the program had a little more to offer and I really felt like I probably had accomplished as much as I could accomplish at Purdue North Central.

The Chronicle: How did you and your coaching staff address the problems that forced the cancellation of the team last year?

Gordon: Being that I knew a lot of the team players and new the staff real well, I knew what was going on. We went in with the same idea and brought in the same values when we started at PNC. We just wanted to make sure that academics came first and we wanted all the kids to understand that they are truly student athletes.

The Chronicle: Have you taken any steps that they didn't have in place last year?

Gordon: A number of things, one of the things is we have is mandatory study tables and mandatory tutoring. We also are going to have progress reports every couple of weeks.

The Chronicle: How is that going so far this year?

Gordon: Its going pretty well, I think you're going to see great improvement.

The Chronicle: What type of chemistry does the team have with a lot of new players on the roster?

Gordon: Well its not going to be as strong as you would like it, but I think as the season goes on we're going to continue to mesh together. Right now they are still getting to understand each other and learning together. We're making some early season mistakes, but I think we're improving

The Chronicle: If the team takes on the personality of their coach, what can we look forward to?

Gordon: If they take on the personality of the coach, you're going to see a lot of intensity out there. We are going play hard. We're going to give it all we have and leave it out there on the court, night in and night out.

The Chronicle: What type of changes are there from moving to the NAIA Division II standing after moving from the NAIA Division I after last season?

Gordon: Not a whole lot, we are still going to play a lot of NAIA Division I teams. It's a tough division with a lot tough teams. I think it's a pretty good transition for us right now for the state of the program. But as I tell a lot of people it's still going to be tough for us here at Purdue Calumet.

The Chronicle: With the team playing a majority of its games on the road this year, what does that mean for this group?

Gordon: It's always tough to win on the road. We have nine or 10 home games out of 31. And we're playing a lot of ranked teams in NAIA division I. We're playing a lot of ranked teams early, including Cumberland who is #3 in the NAIA Division I.

The Chronicle: What type of product will we see when we watch you guys play?

Gordon: It is going to be high intensity basketball with a high intensity coaching staff. You're going to see the ball up and down the floor. You're going to see a lot of movement on the floor as well. It won't be stand around basketball. If you've come to sit on your hands, you came to the wrong gym.

2007-08 Men's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Loc.	Time
Nov. 1	**Kettle Classic vs. St Francis**	**REC Center**	**8 PM**
Nov. 10	@ Taylor University Ft. Wayne	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	4 PM- EST
Nov.16	@ Cumberland Tourney	Williamsburg, Kent.	8 PM
Nov. 17	@ Cumberland Tourney	Williamsburg, Kent.	TBA
Nov. 20	@ Bethel College	Mishawaka, Ind.	7:30 PM
Nov. 23	@ I.U. Southeast	New Albany, Ind.	6 PM
Nov. 28	**@ IUN**	**REC Center**	**7 PM**
Dec. 1	@ Lindsey Wilson College	Columbia, Kent.	2 PM
Dec. 4	@ Malcom X College (exhibition)	Chicago, Ill.	7 PM
Dec. 8	**Truman College (exhibition)**	**REC Center**	**1 PM**
Dec. 15	@ St. Joseph	Rensselaer, Ind.	3 PM
Dec. 18	@ Taylor University	Upland, Ind.	TBA
Dec. 19	@ Indiana Wesleyan University	Marion, Ind.	6 PM
Dec. 28-29	@ Alma College Tournament	Alma, Mich.	TBA
Jan. 2	**I.U. South Bend**	**REC Center**	**7 PM**
Jan. 5	**I.U. Southeast**	**REC Center**	**1 PM**
Jan. 9	**St. Xavier University**	**REC Center**	**7 PM**
Jan. 12	@ Trinity Christian College	Palos Heights, Ill.	3 PM
Jan. 16	@ Judson College	Elgin, Ill.	7 PM
Jan. 19	**Calumet College**	**REC Center**	**3 PM**
Jan. 23	**PNC**	**REC Center**	**7 PM**
Jan. 26	**Trinity International**	**REC Center**	**3 PM**
Jan. 30	@ Cardinal Stritch University	Milwaukee, Wis.	7 PM
Feb. 6	**Trinity Christian**	**REC Center**	**7 PM**
Feb. 9	**Judosn College (Homecoming)**	**REC Center**	**7 PM**
Feb. 13	@ Calumet College	Hammond Civic Ctr.	TBA
Feb. 16	PNC	Michigan City, Ind.	TBA
Feb. 20	Trinity International	Oeerfield, Ill.	TBA
Feb. 23	**Cardinal Stritch**	**REC Center**	**3 PM**
Feb. 26	CCAC Playoffs	TBA	TBA

2007-08 Men's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	HT.	YR.	HS/Col
05	Delriko Curtis	G	5-8	FR	Benton Harbor HS
12	Josh Collins	G	6-1	FR	MacArthur HS, TX
21	Kris Krstevski	G	6-5	JR	Lake Central HS/ Fla. Int.
22	Michael Patton	G	6-7	FR	West Side HS
23	Joey Elabed	F	6-4	FR	Morton HS
25	Marcello Sheriif	F	6-2	SO	Hemet HS, CA
26	Branislav Petrinjac	G	6-3	FR	Hammond Clark HS
31	Antonio McNeal	G/F	6-1	SO	Gavit/ Joliet JC
32	Justin Latimore	F	6-4	FR	North Central HS
42	Antonio Hurt	F	6-5	FR	Michigan City HS
54	Kevin Thomas	C	6-8	JR	Highland HS

Head Coach: Grayling Gordon, Assistant Coaches: David Garrett & Steve Jackson, Sports Information Director: Dave Fanno, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Health, Rec. & Sports: Bob Bunnell, Team Manager: Harry Tustison, Athletic Team Trainer: Beth Braviere

Peregrines ready to play

Jeremy Homan
Sports Editor

It's been 10 months since the men's basketball team last played a game.

It was 10 months ago when the season was canceled due to the academic ineligibilities of over half the team. They were left with practically nothing --no coaches and only a hand full of players.

The Peregrines have nearly a new team. Headed by Grayling Gordon, formerly of PNC, the team has only two returning players from last year, Kevin Thomas and Marcello Sheriff.

"We've got a lot to prove," said Gordon.

Gordon, a full-time coach, something the team has lacked in past years, was quick to address the problem that led to the Peregrines downfall last year, which was academics.

Gordon, being at school everyday has the capability to assure the players are on top of their academics.

The entire team has mandatory study tables and mandatory tutoring, which involves attending the Skills Assessment Center for a certain amount of time.

Gordon also has progress reports every couple of weeks for the players.

Gordon preaches to the team that academics comes first and they are student athletes, not just athletes.

The year on the court will not be an easy one for the Peregrines. This will be the first year these players will have played together, and getting used to a new team can take some time.

"This is a team in transition," said Sports Information Director Dave Fanno. "It will take some time to get used to whom you're playing with."

They have just 12 home games throughout the year, three in the first two months and their away games include overnight tournaments.

"It's always going to be tough to win on the road," said Gordon.

The Peregrines will open their season at home with the annual Kettle Classic.

After the opener the Peregrines don't return home until later November.

a new

Spooktacular, haunted places

Many students are looking for scary places to visit around Halloween, so here's a guide that will help slim down the search for other fun and cheap attractions

Katie Ramsey
Staff Writer

Reaper's Realm

Everyone from the Region knows about Reaper's Realm in Hammond. The Realm consists of the Haunted Mansion, Reaper's Woods, Psycho Circus in 3-D and Carnevil.

They offer plenty, but also charge a lot. Admission into the Woods alone is $10, and for $20 the admission includes everything and one free carnival ride. For $25 the haunts include admission and unlimited carnival rides. For a whopping $30 everything is included, and includes no wait. Group sales are also available.

Dates run throughout the weekends in October, and the times vary depending on the date.

Scare factor: High

Halls of Horror Shock-O-Rama Horror Show

Located off the Crown Point square, Halls of Horror ranks second in the area because of an outstanding performance in 2003. The fun starts in the waiting room and doesn't stop until the end. There's something new and scary around every corner.

The only downfall is that tickets are extremely limited and there is no pre-sale via the internet. Tickets, only $10 each, are available at the door starting at 7 p.m. The tours, roughly an hour apiece, run at 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 p.m., Oct. 26-28 and Halloween night.

The tours are not recommended for anyone under 13 due to foul language, graphic violence and gore.

Scare factor: High

House of Lost Souls

This spooky outing consists of a four-room maze and a graveyard jam packed with ghosts and ghouls of all kinds. The main attraction is a live electric chair.

House of Lost Souls is located at 2100 Willow Creek Road in Portage. The running dates are Oct. 25-28 from 6:30-11 p.m.

The cost is $4 per victim and the House has the OK for kids.

Scare factor: Medium

Dark in the Park

Dark in the Park is celebrating 10 years of scaring people out of their wits. Dark in the Park, located on Whiting Park Road in Whiting, is sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police. They brought eight rooms of unspeakable terror once again to the public.

"Things that Go Bumpy in the Night" is a hayride that travels through a graveyard and around Whiting Park. If haunting hayrides don't sound appealing, grab a spot on the hillside and catch a good 'ol classic horror flick.

Running dates are Oct. 26-28 and Oct. 30-31.

Parking is free and tickets are available at the gate for only $5.

Dark in the Park may not be appropriate for small children and sensitive adults.

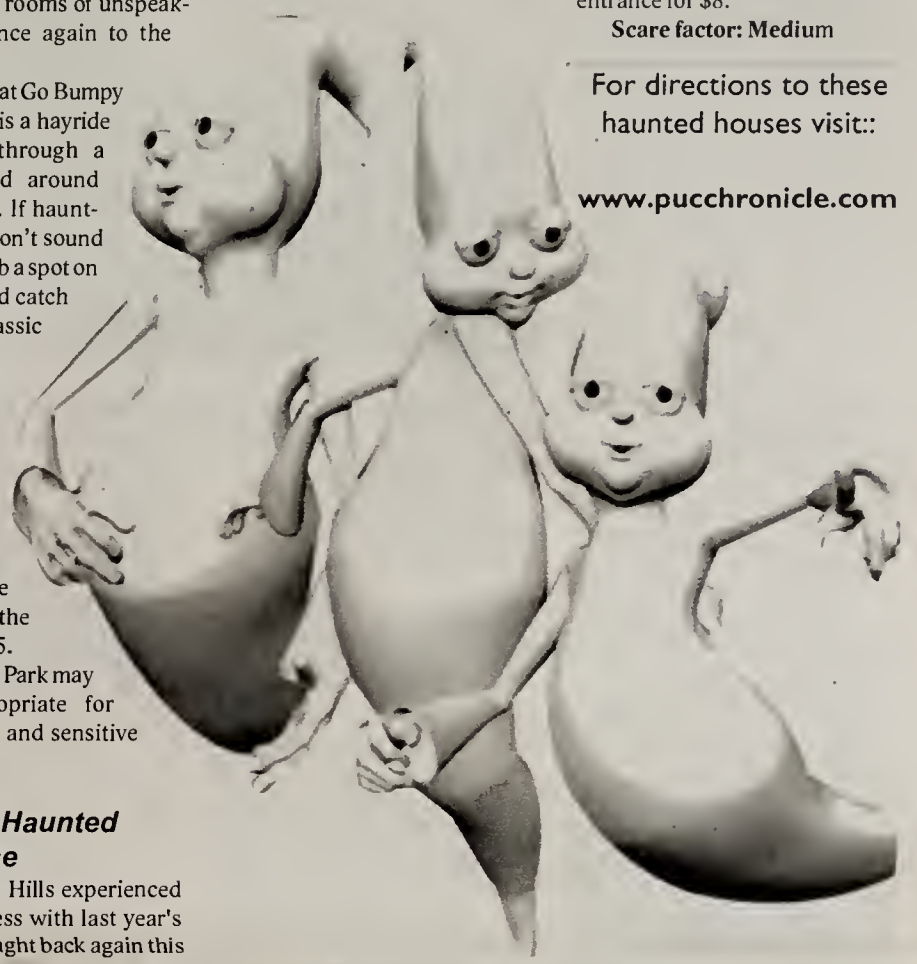
Lake Hills Haunted Club House

Since Lake Hills experienced so much success with last year's event, it is brought back again this season. The building is set next to the lake and holds many hauntings upstairs. The two-story club house was built on a golf course in the 1920's. Due to a tragic wedding day mishap, it is now haunted.

This year, Lake Hills is also offering a kid-friendly version of the haunted house. Ghoul flashlights will be available, will be well lit and the actors will be kid friendly.

The Haunted Club House can be found at 8640 Lake Hills Road in St. John. The dates are Oct. 20-31 from 6-10 p.m., and will be open until 11 p.m. Halloween night. Tickets are available at the entrance for $8.

Scare factor: Medium



For directions to these haunted houses visit::

www.pucchronicle.com

Switchfoot boasts an 'Appetite'

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Switchfoot, no longer with Columbia Records, teamed up with Relient K and Habitat for Humanity for their "Appetite for Construction" tour. The band will donate $1 per ticket sold to Habitat for Humanity during the 34-date tour.

Jessica Cochran
Entertainment Editor

Recently breaking free of Columbia Records, Switchfoot is able to play when and where they want.

"It was just time. The freedom that we can have on our own outweighs the benefits of staying with this kind of corporate machine," said Jon Foreman, Switchfoot's singer, songwriter and guitarist.

"We wanted to do something that was a little bit bigger than ourselves."
Jon Foreman, Switchfoot band member

According to Foreman, there are many things currently happening to the band that couldn't if they continued to chase down the major label.

Teaming up with Relient K, the two bands kicked off their "Appetite for Construction" tour Oct. 16 in order to help Habitat for Humanity.

"For us this tour doesn't really have any purpose financially as far as supporting a single or supporting a record or playing the major label game," said Foreman, in an exclusive interview with The Chronicle. "We are touring because we love playing music, we love Relient K and we love the whole process of supporting Habitat."

Habitat for Humanity, housing more than a million people through its projects, builds homes for individuals around the globe. According to Foreman, one reason Switchfoot decided to partner with the group is because Habitat is geared toward the specific communities they interact with.

"We wanted to do something that was a little bit bigger than ourselves," said Foreman. "We wanted to look back on a year of touring and see that more change has been impacted, instead of simply selling T-shirts and tickets."

A dollar for every ticket will be donated to Habitat for Humanity, and with thousands of tickets per show being sold the groups will be able to generate a substantial amount for the cause.

The group's ultimate goal is to connect people to the cause in general, being able to use their time and talent to help others in need.

"With Habitat it's the simple action of just picking up a hammer and doing something in your own backyard really," said Foreman.

The "Appetite for Construction" tour will run through December, and the groups will perform at the Star Plaza Theatre in Merrillville, Tuesday, and the Centre in Evansville, Wednesday.

For more information and tour dates visit:

switchfoot.com

Sequels, prequels, remakes, oh my

Jade Lee Lynch
Senior Staff Writer

I have a theory about major movie studios.

Here's what I think happens: two filmmakers walk into an executive's office to propose an idea for a film. One says, "I want to make a movie unlike anything American audiences have ever seen. It'll be clever, interesting and cerebral – and it'll focus on a character people will talk about for years to come." The other says, "I want to take this movie that was released two years ago and make a sequel. I've figured out how to make it more violent than the original. The plot may not make as much sense as the first one did, but it'll be shocking. It'll also draw in audiences on name recognition alone."

The executive considers both ideas briefly – and green-lights only the latter.

I'll grant that sometimes a sequel – or a series – is a good thing. "Star Wars" is a great example of this.

But lately it seems there are as many sequels, prequels and remakes hitting theatres as there are original films. "Resident Evil: Extinction" (the third in the series) is in theatres now, "Saw IV" will reach the big screen on Oct. 26 and "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" comes out just in time for the holidays.

While I'll save my judgment on the last two until they come out, I can certainly say "Resident Evil: Extinction" was a film that suffered the plot degeneration from the original (and even the sequel).

I'm disturbed to know that though "Shrek the Third" has yet to reach DVD, there's already talk of "Shrek 4" (rumored to be titled "The Next Shrek") slated for release in 2010.

Though I haven't heard anything substantial as of yet, I won't be surprised when they announce "28 Months Later" or "Saw V" – I'll just be disappointed.

Still, perhaps the sequels are better than remakes. After Rob Zombie's "Halloween" fell apart before the halfway point, I've lost hope that even the best directors can do better than what is already done well in previous films.

And with remakes on the way for "Day of the Dead," "Footloose" (as a musical, apparently) and Hitchcock's "The Birds," I can see this trend isn't going away fast enough.

'Night of the Forgotten' to highlight local metal bands

Chronicle Photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Send the Dawn frontman Ed Roseberry will be performing at this years "Night of the Forgotten." The two night concert will take place at the Lake Station Eagles Club, Oct. 26 and 27 beginning at 5 p.m.

Jeff Wozniak
Staff Writer

The Lake Station Eagles Club will host "Night of the Forgotten" Oct. 26 and 27. The two day death metal extravaganza will feature more than 20 local bands, with a total of 14 hours of music. The show promises to test one's endurance and mettle.

Tickets for a single night are $10 and a two day pass will cost $19.

Local metal band Send the Dawn will be hosting the event.

Formed in July of 2004, Send the Dawn has played hundreds of shows in various parts of the country, opening for nationally recognized bands such as Atreyu and Mudvayne. They have also released a seven song EP titled "Point and be Rude."

The band claims to be a blend of indie, hardcore and metal, and refuses to let others meddle with their work.

In addition to Send the Dawn, other performers include: Know Lyfe, Doctor! Doctor!, Revolting Vision, Sleeping With A Corpse, SevenAteNine, Eyes Sharp As Knives, Jarvis, Behold Eternity, A Texas Funeral, Reverse The Plague, Exotic Animal Petting Zoo, Beauty and the Beheaded, Until Autumn Dies, The Arcane Design, Tomorrow Has Arrived, Suicide Blonde and Iscariot.

Despite the large number of the bands, the musical variety seems to be extremely limited.

"Night of the Forgotten" will run Friday and Saturday, beginning at 5 p.m. both nights, and should wrap up around midnight.

"Night of the Forgotten" will take place in the basement of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie #2766. Despite its small size and musty atmosphere, the Eagles Club is a popular venue for local shows featuring bands raging from emo and hardcore, to death metal and the occasional punk show.

Die-hard death metal and hardcore fans probably won't have any trouble sticking it out both nights and aren't likely to be disappointed. However, the casual listener and those looking for something new or different can get more than their fill from a single night.

Anyone remotely interested in aggressive growling and unremitting metal, "Night of the Forgotten" is a good way to kill an empty Friday or Saturday night.

'Online Nation,' a waste of time

Kristen Hannagan
Staff Writer

Video clips. We put them on our blog, and our time they hog.

The same can be said about The CW's "Online Nation." It's a huge waste of time and programming space in this season's TV lineup.

Although "Online Nation" may seem like a great concept for those who like to keep up with the latest in video clips, searching YouTube for clips is a bit more entertaining.

Other TV programs have incorporated clips from the Web on their shows too, including VH1's "Best Week Ever!,""Web Junk 20" – which occasionally airs – and E!'s "The Soup."

It's not like "Online Nation" is inventing the wheel.

"Online Nation" is hosted by four people who seem to have some knowledge of video clips; either they've been in them or simply like to watch them.

Stevie Ryan is best known for the YouTube clips of her "Little Loca" character, while the duo of Rhett and Link had their comedy video clips on iTunes and make films as well. Joy Leslie is the one who likes to watch the clips.

It seems like a shame the foursome are wasting their time on this show, after looking at their resumes on the series website. But someone has to pay the bills, right?

The videos used on "Online Nation" are ones that have either been uploaded to the site or found by the hosts after they were posted.

One of most creative videos shown on the series premiere was one called "Printer Problems" where a man gets sent through his printer as the title suggests. Another clip titled "Skidmarks" shows people riding on imaginary cars around a school.

Other clips bordered on the "why was this created" side. One clip involved a father and son drinking "Popcorn Juice," and another was a play on the phrase "Shrimp on the Barbie." Guess what happens.

For those interested in talking about the video clips or uploading personal videos, the site has a section to do so. Missed episodes can be also viewed by visiting cwtv.com/shows/online-nation.

"Online Nation" is aired Sunday nights at 6:30 p.m.

Desperate times call for desperate measures

Sean Davis
Staff Writer

Here's a little Sony history.

As of June, the Wii outsold the PS3 by 4.4 units and the Xbox 360 outsold the PS3 by 2.2 units in North America, according to 1up.com. The head of Sony's game division, Ken Kutaragi, announced his plans to retire.

Surprised? I thought not.

On a promising note, Sony finally reached 4.28 million PS3 units sold worldwide. To put this in perspective, the PS2 has shipped 120 million units as of Sept. 20, according to scei.co.jp.

In order to sell more units, the PS3 is undergoing a slight make-over. I call it "Queer Eye for the Poorly Selling Seventh Generation Console Guy."

The new PS3 has a bunch of new features, including a non-removable 60 or 40 GB hard drive, two USB ports, no media card reader, no backwards compatibility with PS2 games and no more glossy finish. You get all of this for the nice new price of €399.99.

Wait a minute, why isn't this in dollars? It's because Sony has no plans on releasing this watered down version of its console on U.S. shores.

The PlayStation Portable outsold the PS3 by almost 21 million units worldwide. The UMD video format used in the PSP has been in decline as of late with Paramount, Warner and even Sony Pictures announcing they were cutting back video releases in UMD format due to poor sales. Target has taken all UMD videos off their shelves and began to push for UMD sales online instead.

Maybe Sony should do something about this?

Sony recently released the new Slim and Lite PSP – which is 33 percent lighter and 19 percent slimmer than its predecessor and offers playback through television sets.

Along with the new look the PSP also gets a new name, the PSP-2000. Other new features include USB charging and a raised directional pad.

Sony is really trying to get your attention with these new models of game devices.

Hopefully people go out and buy these new products and actually enjoy them. If not then we may see that Sony actually lost the console wars this time around.

Sony gaming division, good luck and Godspeed.

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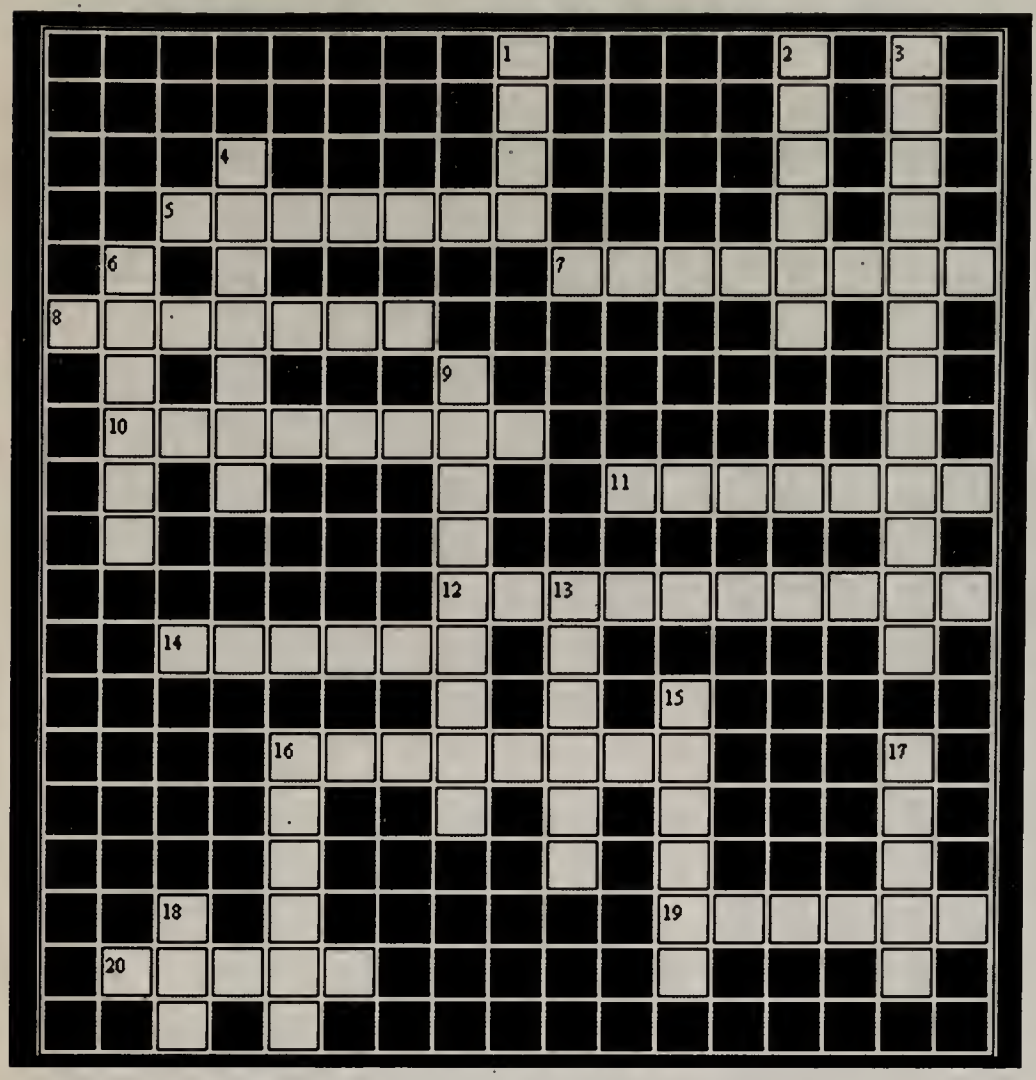

World Series

Across

5. Since their 1993 establishment into MLB, they have now won two titles
7. The 1919 World Series was blemished with this scandal
8. Has a record 26 World Series titles
10. This former New York Giant who hit "Shot Heard 'Round the World" in 1951 series
11. The home field advantage during the series goes to the winner of this game
12. The 1989 Fall Classic was shook up by what event
14. This "Machine" won two World Series titles boasting a lineup consisting of Dave Concepción, Tony Perez, Joe Morgan, Johnny Bench and Pete Rose
16. Member of six World Series teams for the Brookyn Dodgers and had his #42 jersey retired by MLB
19. This Bronx Bomber is the only pitcher to throw a no-hitter in the 1956 Fall Classic
20. 19-year old rookie center fielder from the Braves who became the youngest player to homer in the 1996 World Series

Down

1. Next year's season marks this teams 100th aniversary from last pennant
2. The 1994 World Series was cancelled due to the ongoing...
3. Sports Illustrated named Curt Schilling and Randy Johnson sportsmen of the year after leading this team to the pennant in 2001
4. Mr. October's last name
6. Hit a three-run game-winning home run in the bottom of the 9th inning of Game 6 to win the series for Toronto in 1993
9. This White Sox player hit a walk-off home run of game 2 of the 2005 World Series
13. This team broke an 86-year curse and sent the fans storming the streets singing "Sweet Caroline"
15. This team's rally monkey helped propel them to the 2002 pennant
16. This Oriole Hall of Famer never won a World Series despite being the "Iron Man"
17. The culmination of the season is determined by a best-of-_____ game World Series
18. This year's World Series will be broadcasted on this television network

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Friday
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62°/41°

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Sudoku

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*sudoku may have more than one solution

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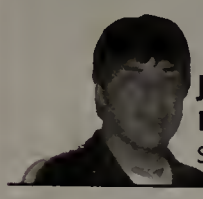
Police Blotter

The Police Blotter from the PUC police department was not sent to The Chronicle in time for publication. Look in next week's edition for this and next week's records.

Torre's gone, so who's next?



Jeremy Homan
Sports Editor

The Yankee era may be over.

Joe Torre is gone. Mariano Rivera and Jorge Posada may be gone also, as well as Alex Rodriguez. The Yankees haven't won a World Series since 2000. Big deal. Is the Yankees drought Torre's fault though?

Yes and no.

It is Torre's job to manage his team and make decisions that will result in winning. But when you don't have the right combination of players to take you all the way, it's hard to win it all.

In recent years, the Yankees have been a powerhouse offensively, but struggle in the pitching area. This year Mike Mussina had a horrible year; Andy Pettitie had an OK year and who knows what the Yankees were thinking when bringing Roger Clemens in like he is some kind of pitching God.

Give it up Roger, you're in your 40's and just don't have it anymore. And for the rest of the Yankees staff, well there really wasn't one.

Owner George Steinbrenner and General Manager Brian Cashman are as much at fault as Torre is. Steinbrenner and Cashman are the ones out acquiring these superstars. They go out and get these superstars who only have a year or two left in them and expect to win. Their pitching staff is old and worn down.

God forbid the Yankees get young players and rebuild. The Yankees are too proud of an organization to have a rebuilding year. Steinbrenner can't accept losing. He might have to start getting used to it.

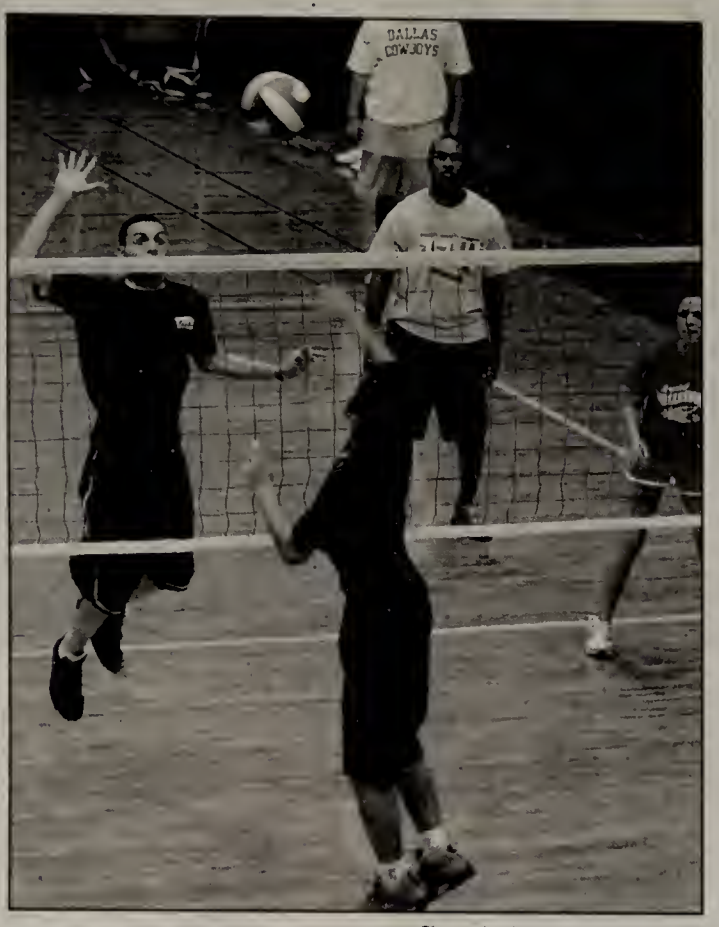
The question lies now, who will replace Torre?

There are plenty of managers out there who would accept managing the Yankees in a New York minute. Right now, Don Mattingly is being looked at. He has no managerial experience; he would be a horrible choice.

Even though he is leaning towards going back to the Cardinals, Tony LaRussa could end up managing the Yankees next season. If the Yankees make him an offer he can't refuse, he will take it.

If LaRussa leaves, the Cardinals would have a spot open for a manager. Who better than Joe Torre to take the job? Torre would be a great fit in St. Louis. There's a good team there and it would be great to see Torre and Piñella managing against each other in the Cubs and Cardinals series. LaRussa and Torre swapping teams would be the ideal thing to happen.

Team Poofy eyes first place



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Saul Avila, a sophomore criminal justice major, of team Poofy, goes for the spike as The Swan's Chao Zhang, prepares to block Poofy teammates Willie Redd, a communications junior and Bianca Del Rio, a business management junior.

Ryan Metz
Assistant Sports Editor

Team Poofy got off to a quick 5-0 lead and never looked back as they beat the Swan. It ended the Swan's undefeated season this Thursday night in the REC Center while winning 21-14, 21-19 and 12-21.

"We took out one undefeated team tonight and are planning on taking down another next week."

Michael Figueroa, a sophomore majoring in construction management

While Teng Ma's thunderous spikes led the Swan, it was not enough to keep his team's unbeaten streak alive.

"We just played so-so," said Ma, a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering. Ma has been playing volleyball for three years. He also played ping-pong and tennis in his native China.

With the loss the Swan moves to 4-1 overall and drops them to second place in their conference behind Spiked Punch, who won their fourth straight to remain undefeated. The Swan looks to close the season strong with the intramural volleyball playoffs set to begin the week after Thanksgiving.

Team Poofy (3-1) came out on the winning end of many rallies and used their overall team chemistry to prevail to victory. They sit at third place behind The Swan and Spiked Punch.

"We're all best friends, it really helps us keep good chemistry," said Team Poofy player Michael Figueroa, a sophomore majoring in construction management. "We all met while we worked at the casino together and we put this team together. We don't practice at all but we still are good enough to get the job done.

"We took out one undefeated team tonight and are planning on taking down another next week."

Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik has been pleased thus far with the volleyball season.

"It's gone really well. There has been a good mix of evenly matched teams," he said. "There are four or five teams that can compete."

Future of PUC club baseball uncertain

Joe Wielosinski
Staff Writer

The PUC club baseball team has been through a rocky road during its first two seasons. Despite their struggles on the field, the team has been more optimistic off it. Players and coaches appear to be interested in making the club an official member of the NAIA.

The decision and the future of the club rests in the hands of only a select few, and PUC Athletic Director Robert Bunnell is one of them.

"I think that the club will continue on as a student organization. It's great to see how many players there are who are interested in playing baseball," said Bunnell.

However, it seems as though there have been some restrictions placed over the club. A recent planned trip for the team to play in Orlando was cancelled.

"It was an inappropriate trip for a club," said Bunnell. "[With] taking people that far, they would all be under our responsibility. It was deemed that it would not be a good trip for them to take.

"It's my decision, and they would be under my responsibility."

A recent rumor that has been circulating, is the NAIA was considering PUC for a twelfth team.

"The NAIA can't consider us for anything," said Bunnell. "They have no jurisdiction. I never heard of any consideration, and I have no idea where that rumor came from."

Bunnell insists he is focused on keeping the baseball club and pushing forward towards its future.

"It's terrific that there's so many students interested in playing. Personally, I'm a baseball guy myself and I'd love to see the club continue on and be successful in the future," said Bunnell.

Despite the team's optimism, the future, for now, seems to be a cloudy one.

NATIONAL LAMPOON SPORTS MINUTE OR SO

Vinny Testaverde became the oldest starting quarterback to win a game in NFL history when the Cardinal defense was repelled by the smell of Ben Gay. Testaverde is so old he can still remember when Terry Bradshaw made sense.

A Saints-Seahawks game was delayed for eight minutes when NBC's suspended Cable Cam began falling toward the field. The collapse was so sudden that viewers thought they were watching the Mets.

Blazers first-round pick Petteri Koponen has just completed his required six-month stint in Finland's army. The only thing more useless than Finland's army is the Portland Trailblazers.

NBA commissioner David Stern might punish the Knicks for being found liable in a sexual harassment suit. The punishment will be playing for the Knicks.

Boxer Marco Antonio Barrera retired following his lopsided loss to Manny Pacquiao. Most fight fans were stunned, figuring he'd retired before the fight.

A Pizza Hut promotion featured Lions receiver Roy Williams delivering pies. John Kitna tried delivering a few, but they kept getting intercepted.

And Pete Rose issued a public challenge saying that he will give $100 to anyone who sees him gambling. So Rose just bet that he wouldn't bet. Thanks for the $100, Pete. We'll use it to pay for our next trip to the land of irony.

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Sayles shines in victory

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Sammy Sayles, a sophomore in computer graphic technology, scores one of his five touchdowns in Fantastik 4's 56-7 victory over Shake & Bake. Fantastik 4 sits at first place in their conference and will face the undefeated Sofa King next Monday night in the REC Center.

Jeremy Homan
Sports Editor

Sammy Sayles scored five of the eight touchdowns in Fantastik 4's rout of Shake & Bake 56-7 in the fifth week of intramural football.

Sayles, a sophomore majoring in computer graphic technology, scored the final four touchdowns in the victory last Monday night in the REC Center.

Fantastik 4 never looked back after jumping ahead 14-7 on Desean Reed's touchdown reception early in the first half.

Fantastik 4 went into halftime leading 28-7. They added four more touchdowns in the second half, all by Sayles, to finish the game strong.

Jamar Goodman started the scoring for Fantastik 4 with a rushing touchdown to give his team a 7-0 lead.

Shake & Bake responded with a rushing touchdown by Jeremy Macon. The touchdown would be the only one for Shake & Bake.

They struggled all through the game to get something going on offense and were burned on defense.

Fantastik 4 didn't turn the ball over and established an efficient offense, scoring often by air and ground.

Fantastik 4 scored on four of their six rushing attempts. Fantastik 4 quarterbacks combined to throw four touchdown passes to go with the ground attack.

"We achieved all of our goals tonight," said Sayles. "We played great and did what we had to do. We're ready for Sofa King next week."

Shake & Bake team member sophomore Pedro Cabrera felt his team underachieved and could have done better.

"We didn't play well at all. We were playing against a good team that was quick," said Cabrera.

The win for Fantastik 4 moves them into first place in their conference and the third best record in the league. Fantastik 4 will face first place, undefeated Sofa King next week.

"I think they [Fantasik 4] have a good chance to win," said Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik.

Box Scores

Flag Football Box Score

Fantastik 4	56
Shake & Bake	7

Scoring by half	1st	2nd	Tot
Fourth N 1	28	28	56
Goon	7	0	7

Fantastik 4 [F4]			
First Downs			0
Pass att/comp/int	11	7	0
Rushes			6
Penalties			1
Sacks			1

Shake & Bake [SB]			
First Downs			1
Pass att/comp/int	22	12	2
Rushes			4
Penalties			1
Sacks			0

Individual Scoring (Progression through time)	F4	SB
[F4] Jamar Goodman- rush	7	0
[SB] Jeremy Macon- rush	7	7
[F4] Desean Reed- reception	14	7
[F4] Sammy Sayles- reception	21	7
[F4] Brian Moore- reception	28	7
[F4] Sammy Sayles- rush	35	7
[F4] Sammy Sayles- reception	42	7
[F4]Sammy Sayles- rush	49	7
[F4] Sammy Sayles- rush	56	7

Week four flag football scores

Goon def. Breakin the law	63	21
Sofa King def. Crew	56	42
Hammond Bears def. Off Constantly	49	42
VDT def. Showstoppers	56	35
Magnums def. Dead Heads O.T.	49	42

Fano's win by default vs. Off in Church

PUC Bears win by default vs. Clock Work

Volleyball Box Score

Teams	1st	2nd	3rd
PUN def. SOCO Spikers	21-10	14-21	21-6
Spiked Punch def. Bump, Set, Spike	21-6	21-8	21-5
Volley Von Spikers def. Hawaiian Punch	21-10	21-7	21-9
Did That Hurt? def. PUC Spikers	21-14	21-19	21-19
Team Poofy def. The Swan	21-12	21-19	12-21
Eurostars def. Butternuts	21-16	21-17	21-19

Volleyball Standings (Games)

North Conference

Teams	Win	Loss	PTS
Did That Hurt?	12	3	10
Volley Von Spikers	11	4	8
Hawaiian Punch	11	4	6
Eurostars	7	8	4
Butternuts	3	9	2
PUC Spikers	1	11	0

South Conference

Teams	Win	Loss	PTS
Spiked Punch	11	1	8
The Swan	10	5	8
Team Poofy	8	4	6
Big Dogs	7	5	4
PUNS	5	10	2
SOCO Spikers	3	9	2
Bump, Set, Spike	1	11	0

Volleyball Standings (Matches)

North Conference

Teams	Win	Loss
Did That Hurt?	5	0
Volley Von Spikers	4	1
Hawaiian Punch	3	2
Eurostars	2	3
Butternuts	1	3
PUC Spikers	0	4

South Conference

Teams	Win	Loss
Spiked Punch	4	0
The Swan	4	1
Team Poofy	3	1
Big Dogs	2	2
PUNS	1	4
SOCO Spikers	1	3
Bump, Set, Spike	0	4

Pro Sports Notebooks

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Yankees manager Joe Torre rejected the Yankees one-year offer to manage the team. Torre managed the Yankees for 12 seasons and won four World Series. Torre also made the post season in each of his 12 seasons.

Indians' pitcher Paul Byrd reportedly admitted to using HGH under doctor supervision between 2002 and 2005 for a medical condition.

Royals have hired Trey Hillman as their manager. Hillman has managed in Japan for the past five seasons. He has never played or coached in the major leagues.

Larry Bowa is expected to be hired as the Mariners third base coach.

NFL

The Patriots continued their dominance, defeating the Dolphins 49-28. Tom Brady threw four touchdown passes in the first half as the Patriots led 42-7 at halftime. Brady ended the game with six touchdown passes. He now has 27 on the season.

Titans kicker Rob Bironas set an NFL record with eight field goals Sunday against the Texans.

Byron Leftwich injured his ankle in his first start with the Falcons. Leftwich, who has only been with the team a month, injured his right ankle on the first series of the third quarter.

Ex-Packer Max McFee died Saturday after falling from his roof. McFee scored the first touchdown in Super Bowl history.

NBA

The NBA has disciplined six referees for violating its anti-gambling rules, according to a published report. Sources told The New York Daily News that the six officials, whose names have not been identified, were found in violation of the league's anti-gambling policy for such infractions as going to casinos.

Mavericks forward Josh Howard was suspended Friday for the first two games of the regular season, punishment for a fight with Sacramento center Brad Miller earlier in the week.

The Orlando Magic beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 100-84 on Saturday, sweeping a two-game pre-season series in China between the teams on a special tour to expand the NBA's audience in the country.

NCAA

Ohio State beat Michigan State in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday afternoon to remain unbeaten and solidify its position as the No. 1 team in the country.

Southern California throttled Notre Dame on Saturday 38-0. The Irish dropped to 1-7 for just the second time, matching the 1960 start. They are also assured of their 13th losing season since they started playing football in 1887, and the fourth losing season since 1999.

A prankster placed a for-sale sign on Florida State coach Bobby Bowden's yard last night after archrival Miami defeated the Seminoles 37-29 with 13 points in the final 1:15. The once dominant Seminoles have come on hard times and have lost 10 of their last 14 ACC games.

a little bit of... Q & A

with Coach Megyesi

Krystle Krucek
Staff Writer

The Chronicle: How do you feel your team will do this year?

Megyesi: I think our women's basketball team will be very competitive. We'll play very hard, and we'll play with a lot of enthusiasm. I'm really looking forward to coaching them this season and I hope that some of our students will come out and support us.

The Chronicle: Have you noticed any obvious strength with the team?

Megyesi: I think we have a very balanced attack, we have some excellent guard play this year and we have some very strong post plays. So I'm hoping for a balanced attack – be a threat at all positions.

The Chronicle: What are the team's weaknesses?

Megyesi: I'm not really happy with our rebounding right now, or our blocking out. We need to address that, to say the least, and we need to polish up our zones in defense.

The Chronicle: Do you know who your starters will be for that yet?

Megyesi: I think so, I think we're going to go with Jamesha "Mimi" Harris at point guard, Jenny Britton at our two guard, Linsey Smith at our three guard and LaKeisha Hurst as our post player. Our other forward will be Shannon Dugan.

The Chronicle: Do you have any key players that stand out to you?

Megyesi: You know, I think Mimi is an outstanding player, as well as Britton and Smith are great shooters. LaKeisha is a tremendous rebounder and Shannon is very strong inside.

Our other young ladies coming off the bench are contributing quite a bit. I feel we have a solid bench that I do not feel I will lose much when we sub. We have a lot of parody on the team and I think that's going to be a strength for us.

The Chronicle: Do you think this change in division will affect the competition level?

Megyesi: Well, we still play everybody. In our conference we have two divisions. Division I obviously is what we were in last year and there were seven teams and division II had five teams. So, they asked which team would be willing to go down to division II so we could balance out the division.

So our previous athletic director and coaches decided that they would be willing to go to the division II level. Which means it decreased our ability to give scholarship funds. But it's still equivalent to what the other division II schools have. We still play the other teams in the other division at least once, but we play the teams in our division II twice.

The Chronicle: What do you feel the recruits are bringing to the team?

Megyesi: I think that they're bringing a lot of enthusiasm, a lot of positive attitude and respect for the other players on the team. Everybody's meshed extremely well. The returning players welcomed them; there's no animosity, and I think we're truly having a good time.

The Chronicle: What are the team goals for this season?

Megyesi: Well, you always try to hope that you can improve throughout the season. Our main focus is to play hard every game then to really prepare ourselves for conference play so that we can hopefully do well in the conference to qualify for the national tournament.

The Chronicle: Considering the problems with academics in sports last year, is there anything the team is doing to keep grades up?

Megyesi: Absolutely. The students are going to a study table. They're required five hours per week. Our priorities are family, academic, then basketball. That's what we profess to them. By giving them the goal to get five hours in every week, I think that really helps them and they understand the importance. We use the tutoring center over in Gyte, and they provide tutors when we need them, and a place to study. They've been very helpful.

The Chronicle: Who do you feel will be the main competition?

Megyesi: They're focusing on our division and I know that Cardinal Stritch [Milwaukee, WI] has been notoriously a very good team at division II and they're very well coached. They have a great tradition, so I'm sure that will be a major competitor.

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Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Nov. 2	**Illinois Institute of Technology**	**REC Center**	**8 PM**
Nov. 3	**St. Francis**	**REC Center**	**2 PM**
Nov. 6	**Madonna**	**REC Center**	**6 PM**
Nov. 13	@ Davenport University	Caledonia, Mich.	TBA
Nov. 17	@ St. Xavier	Chicago, Ill.	1 PM
Nov. 20	@ Bethel	Mishawaka, Ind.	6 PM
Nov. 24	@ Ashford Tourney- vs. St. Ambrose	Clinton, Iowa	1 PM
Nov.25	@ Ashford Tourney- vs. Ashford	Clinton, Iowa	3 PM
Nov. 30	**@Goshen College**	**REC Center**	**6 PM**
Dec. 1	@ Siena Heights University	Adrian, Mich.	TBA
Dec. 5	@ St. Francis	Joliet, Ill.	7:30 PM
Dec. 7	**Cornerstone**	**REC Center**	**6 PM**
Dec. 8	@ Olivet Nazarene	Bourbonais, Ill.	1PM
Dec. 15	@ I.U.South Bend	South Bend, Ind.	12 PM
Dec. 20	@ IL Institute of Technology	Chicago, Ill.	7 PM
Dec. 21	**Michigan Dearborn**	**REC Center**	**2 PM**
Jan. 3	**Saint Xavier**	**REC Center**	**7 PM**
Jan. 5	@ Robert Morris	Chicago, Ill.	TBA
Jan. 12	@ Trinity Christian College	Palos Heights, Ill.	1PM
Jan. 16	@ Judson College	Elgin, Ill.	5 PM
Jan. 19	**Calumet College**	**REC Center**	**1 PM**
Jan. 22	@ Moody Bible Institute	Chicago, Ill.	7 PM
Jan. 24	**I.U. South Bend**	**REC Center**	**7 PM**
Jan. 26	**Trinity International**	**REC Center**	**1 PM**
Jan. 30	@ Cardinal Stritch University	Milwaukee, Wis.	5 PM
Feb. 6	**Trinity Christian**	**REC Center**	**5 PM**
Feb. 9	**Judson (Homecoming)**	**REC Center**	**4 PM**
Feb. 13	@ Calumet College	Hammond Civic Center	5 PM
Feb. 20	@ Trinity International	Deerfield, Ill.	5 PM
Feb. 23	**Cardinal Stritch**	**REC Center**	**1 PM**
Mar. 19-25 NAIA National Tournament		TBA @ Jackson, Tenn.	TBA

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No.	Name	Pos.	HT.	YR.	HS/Col
10	Nicole Enright	G	5-5	SO	St. Joseph's
11	Jennifer Britton	G	5-4	FR	Lake Central HS
12	JaMesha Harris	G	5-4	FR	Merrillville HS
13	Stephanie Peacock	F/C	6-0	SR	Boylan Catholic
14	Amanda Moes	G	5-4	FR	Highland HS
20	Chrissy Lobodinski	F	5-8	FR	Merrillville HS
21	Rhiannon Howard	C	6-5	JR	Moraine Valley
23	LaKeisha Hurst	F	5-11	SO	Dover/Anderson
24	Cortney Robinson	G	5-10	FR	Hebron HS
30	Hedi Freund	G	5-8	FR	Hebron HS
32	Sara Keilman	F	6-1	SO	Morton/N. Mich.
40	Shannon Dugan	G/F	5-10	JR	McAuley/Moraine
44	Linsey Smith	G/F	5-10	JR	Lake Central

Head Coach: Tom Megyesi (1st season)
Assistant Coaches: Sarah Vaughn (2nd)
Team Manager: Sarah Belford (5th)
Athletic Team Trainer: Beth Braviere, M.S. ATC/L
Sports Information Director: Dave Fanno
Assistant Vice Chancellor, Health, Recreation & Sports: Bob Bunnell

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